

Preparing for Tests

- Don't wait until the night before and try to "cram."
 - You don't even have to wait until you are given the study guide to actually start studying. The purpose of the study guide is to make sure you are aware of the type of content that is "fair game" for the test and to get a feel for the types of questions you need to be able to answer.
 - I also recommended that as you are learning new things, if you find something isn't "clicking," to spend some time in the evenings reviewing it and to ask questions if something still doesn't make sense.
- Vocab cards
 - When it comes to vocabulary, a simple way to do this is to make vocab cards based on the bolded/highlighted words in the notes so far. Either using index cards or cut up pieces of paper, write the vocab word on one side of the card and the definition on the other side. If you do this a little bit at a time, it is not so overwhelming.
 - Then you could have someone else quiz you on the terms or you could even quiz yourself in homeroom, on the bus, etc.
 - You can then take the cards and sort them into piles of words you feel confident about and those that are still a struggle so you know which ones you should focus on when studying and/or ask about to get help.
- Warm Ups
 - I also pulled some of the test questions from warm ups, so that is another tool you could use to study.
 - Try quizzing yourself on the warm up questions
- Quiz yourself
 - I think to many of my students, "studying" means looking over the study guide a few times, when in reality, you should try attempting the questions again without looking at the answers. So another suggestion I have is printing off an extra copy of the study guide (use my website) closer to the test and practice filling it out without using your notes to see what you are retaining.
- See me
 - I am more than willing to work with you on a more individual basis (during homeroom, lunch, afterschool) if you need it, but I recommend you try some of these individual strategies first/also.

Different things work for different kids so it may be a trial and error process until you finds what best suits your needs. Let me know what else I can do to help!